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Chairman Michael K. Powell

Re: FCC to Examine Ban on Using Cellular Telephones on Airborne Aircraft.

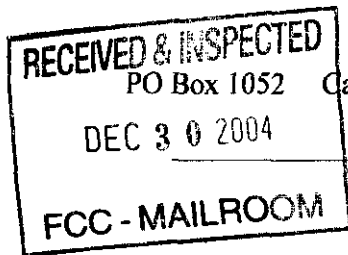
Dear Chairman Powell:

NO cell phones on airplanes. There is no way to escape the noise!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs M Spalding". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Mrs. Monta Spalding
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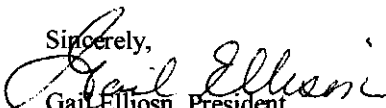
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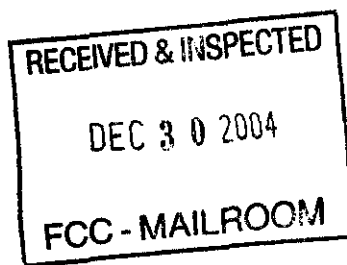
Please, the last thing any of us need is to have passengers using their cell phones while flying. I am adamantly opposed to cell phones being allowed on our flights. To hear constant one way chatter would be extremely bothersome as many of those who constantly have cell phones stuck to their ears or wear the cell phone headsets seem to want all of us to hear their conversations. Cell phones are also a great way for a terrorist to communicate with others to take over the plane. All cell phones should be off when the plane is in the air, I cannot imagine the problems that will occur if you allow their use on airplanes in flight. If a person thinks he or she is so important that they constantly have to be using a cell phone, they can use the phones that are available to them through the airline.

I am the president of my company and I travel quite often, when I get off the flight, I pick up any messages that I may have. This is not an inconvenience to me or to my company nor has it ever caused any problems with our customers.. Moreover, I doubt very much that it has caused anyone any problems. We can all wait to handle business when we get to our destination and if not, as I stated above, we could use the airphone.

I feel it is vitally important that the current regulation concerning cell phone use during air travel stay in force.

Sincerely,


Gail Ellison, President
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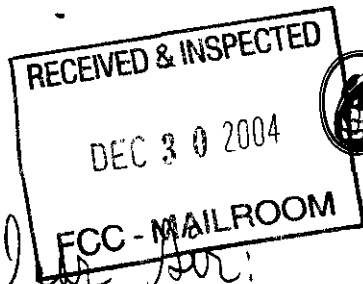
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Dear FCC:

Please do not lift the ban on cell phones on airlines. Think of the person in the middle seat between two cell phone yellers. And they will yell to hear their own voices over the roar of the plane's engines. This is a situation where violence will certainly ensue.

Sincerely,
Patricia Powers



Holland America Line

In regard to lifting the ban on cell phones on airlines — please, please do not allow cell phones on airplanes!

I can't imagine a bigger nightmare than sitting next to (or near) some boor shouting into his or her cell phone on a cross-country flight. This could make flying a very unpleasant experience. In the airport lounge I have changed seats to get away from "cell phone shouters", but on a plane that is not possible. Please do not allow it.

Thanks —

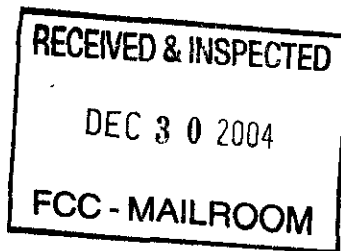
Joan S. White

Please do not lift the ban on cell-phones on airlines.
Cell phones on planes would make travel even more difficult.
Dr Donald MacCorquodale
Joyce macCorquodale

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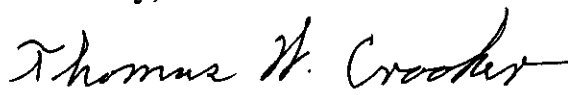
Re: Cell phone use on airliners

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to express strong opposition to the proposal to permit use of cell phones on airliners.

The thought of sitting inches from other passengers who engage in annoying cell phone conversations is very distressing. The experience of cell phone use on Amtrak, which provides much more spacious seating accommodations than passenger aircraft, should provide a basis for rejecting this proposal.

Sincerely,


Thomas W. Crooker

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8603 Conover Place
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December 19, 2004

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Secretary of the Commission
445 12th St. SW
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Subject: Lifting Ban of Cell Phones on Airlines

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to protest lifting the ban on the use of cell phones in airplanes. There is no question in my mind that the technology required is available; the real question is whether or not lifting the ban is in the flying public's best interests.

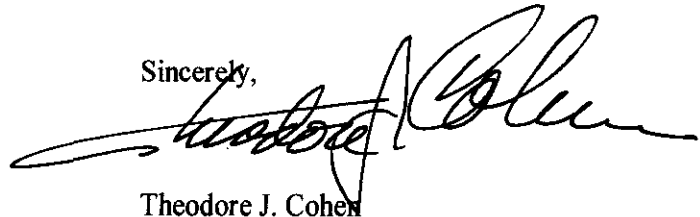
There are good reasons that people generally refrain from talking in elevators; the space available is too limited and the occupants are too cramped for discourse to take place without disturbing others. Now, put 100-300 or more people in closely spaced seats only 22-inches wide, add a few screaming children, watch the person in front of you recline their seat to the point that you become a virtual prisoner during the flight, and imagine that one or more seatmates now proceeds to use his or her cell phone for business or pleasure. Gone is any possibility of concentrating on work; reading a book, magazine, or newspaper; or dozing. Assuming that it is a minority of passengers who would use their cell phones in flight, the in-flight use of cell phones will put the majority of passengers at a disadvantage.

But there's a greater problem brewing should the cell phone ban be lifted. With all sense of privacy and decorum gone, it's just a matter of time before those listening to CD's and other forms of recorded music or books decide that their earphones have become uncomfortable, switching instead to a set of miniature speakers. I wonder what my seatmates would think if I suddenly decided to let them and others nearby enjoy my favorite aria, *Un Bel Di*, from the opera *Madam Butterfly*, in stereo. As of now, it's only out of concern for my fellow passengers that I wouldn't dream of selfishly imposing my musical tastes on them.

In sum, if the Commission and the FAA proceed down this slippery slope, it's just a matter of time before passengers in commercial aircraft will be subject to a cacophony of annoying, irritating, and distracting sounds and music. Coupled with the already testy nature of the flying public as well as of airline personnel, the free use of cell phones on aircraft will make air travel even less appealing than it already is. Unfortunately, to the airlines' detriment, it will exacerbate the carriers' problem of filling every seat available.

Finally, please remember that just because a technology exists to do something doesn't mean it should be used for that purpose!

Sincerely,



Theodore J. Cohen

cc: FAA, American Airlines, USAirways, Midwest Express

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Today is 18 December 2004

The Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman

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Dear Chairman Powell-

As an individual who wracks up fifty thousand miles a year on airlines, I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to end the band on airborne cell phones. It is crazy enough dealing with the self-impressed business person or nervous Aunt Nettie who is to the second on turning off the phone, despite repeated requests by flight attendants. I am always so impressed with how important they are.

If someone cannot be "out of contact" while flying, I suggest they either do not fly or charter a plane so they can to their hearts content.

I cannot imagine the further loss of civility that will come with people trapped for hours among inconsiderable, loud cell phone users.

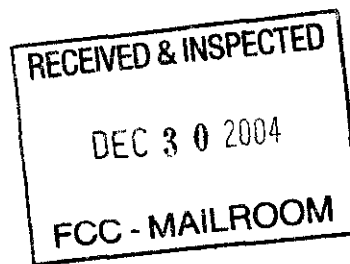
I use you to delay this decision. For the sanity of the millions of air travelers who do not need to impress anyone.

Sincerely,



Harold Ivan Smith

Federal Communications Commission
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Chairman Michael K. Powell

Re: FCC to Examine Ban on Using Cellular Telephones on Airborne Aircraft.

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please, Please, Please, **NO** cell phones on airplanes.

It's hard enough to be confined shoulder to shoulder without the added aggravation of listening to rude people's phone conversations.

Please...**NO** cell phone on planes.

Sincerely,

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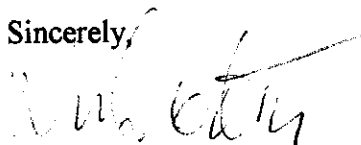
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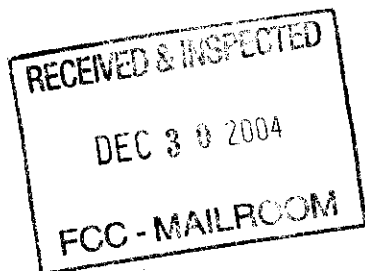
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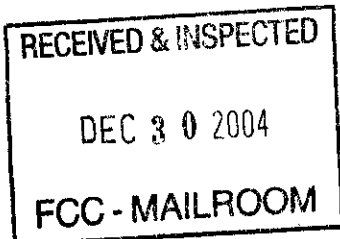
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I wish to vote a positive
and absolute NO to
lifting the ban on cell
phones on airlines!! To
lift the ban would be a
serious danger and ~~endanger~~!
Please keep the ban!

Yours sincerely,
Sanford Garner



To the FCC regarding the use of cell phones on airlines:

No cell phones, absolutely, unequivocally, no cell phone use on planes. Don't even consider it or be intimidated by this thoughtless intrusion that has taken over our right to privacy and peaceful comfort during travel

NONONONONO

Thank you,

George and Carolyn Cates

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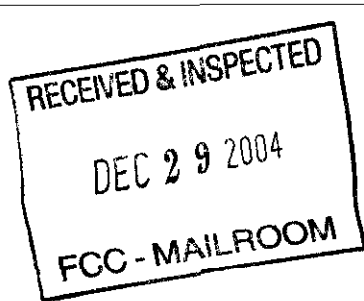
Dear Sir:

My wife and I wish to express our opposition to the proposal that cell phones be permitted on air flights. Such a situation allowing cell phones to be used in flight would be a disservice to the majority of passengers and at the very least most disturbing.

Please do not support "Can you hear me now" to harass air line passengers. Most people who use cell phones in public have absolutely no regard for their surroundings.

Again, we wish to express our strong opposition to use of cell phones while airborne.

Respectfully,
John L. Merrick
Mary B. Merrick



33 Francis Street
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December 21, 2004

Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell

We are writing in response to the FCC's request for public comment on the possibility of allowing use of cell phones during airline flights.

We urge the FCC not to lift the current ban on in-flight cell phone use. Allowing people to use their phones during flights would cause extreme discomfort to passengers forced to listen to others' conversations, which are often conducted, unfortunately, with little regard for the comfort or quiet of bystanders. The discomfort would only be aggravated by the crowded conditions of planes, and the fact that passengers are basically trapped together for hours at a time. Airline travel is difficult enough these days; please don't rescind a rule that has so far kept it from being intolerable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Riley Fast".

Robin Riley Fast

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Fast".

Paul Fast